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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. 

SUBJECT : Orientation of Top-Level Noncareer Executives.

REFERENCE : Cabinet Paper (CP-57-71) dtd 6 Aug 57 to The White House  
fr M. M. Rabb, Secretary to the Cabinet, same subject.

Jack:

I have reviewed carefully the referenced Cabinet Paper on the subject of "Orientation of Top-Level Noncareer Executives."

To my knowledge we have had no response to the Director's letter of 5 April 1957 to Governor Adame concerning our proposed policy statement on this subject. (Pursuant to the Director's instructions, I am still holding this policy statement and we should get something distributed at an early date.) In any case, however, the Director and Deputy Director are the only individuals in the Agency who would be considered as "noncareer executives."

This paper is beamed at "new" appointees of which we would, of course, have none. The Orientation Program is divided into two phases: (1) that to be conducted by the Agency itself, and (2) that to be conducted by agencies other than that to which the individual is assigned. I see no necessity for either Mr. Dulles or General Cabell---who have been in their positions for several years---to participate in either of these phases. It is probable that we would be required to brief certain new appointees on our work (in fact, we are already doing this for those appointees whom we believe have a "need to know.")

The paper indicates that in the very near future the Cabinet Secretariat will communicate with "Executive Assistants" in the affected agencies to arrange for early implementation of this Program. Therefore, I do not believe that a reply is necessary and suggest that we take no action until the Cabinet Secretariat has made its contact with you.

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